

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

1.-10 (Canceled)

11. (New) A method for warning a driver of a motor vehicle, comprising:

generating, in a direction of at least one object in a field of view of the driver, at least one optical warning by at least one signaling arrangement; the at least one object being situated in a vicinity of the motor vehicle, wherein the at least one optical warning is generated at least prior to the at least one object becoming visible to the driver.

12. (New) The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein the at least one optical warning includes at least one of at least one patch of light and at least one warning symbol.

13. (New) The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein at least one of a display duration, a repetition frequency, a size, a color, and an intensity of the at least one optical warning is changeable.

14. (New) The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein the at least one optical warning is generated immediately prior to the at least one object becoming visible to the driver.

15. (New) The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein the at least one optical warning is generated as a function of a dangerousness of a driving situation.

16. (New) The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein the at least one optical warning is at least generated as a function of an optical signal of surroundings of the motor vehicle, the optical signals being generated by at least one image-sensor system including an infrared-sensitive image-sensor system.

17. (New) The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein at least one of at least one projection device and at least one heads-up display serving as the at least one signaling arrangement generates the at least one optical warning.

18. (New) A device for warning a driver of a motor vehicle, comprising:

at least one signaling arrangement for generating at least one optical warning, the at least one signaling means including an arrangement for generating the at least one optical warning in a direction of at least one object in a field of view of the driver, and the at least one object being situated in a vicinity of the motor vehicle, wherein the at least one signaling arrangement includes an arrangement for generating the at least one optical warning in the direction of the at least one object in the vicinity of the motor vehicle at least prior to the at least one object becoming visible to the driver.

19. (New) The device as recited in Claim 18, wherein the at least one signaling arrangement includes at least one of:

an arrangement for generating at least one of at least one patch of light and at least one warning symbol as the at least one optical warning;

an arrangement for changing at least one of a display duration, a size, a color, and an intensity of the at least one optical warning;

an arrangement for generating the at least one optical warning as a function of a dangerousness of a driving situation.

20. (New) The device as recited in Claim 18, further comprising:

at least one infrared-sensitive image-sensor system for generating an optical signal of surroundings of the motor vehicle, wherein the at least one signaling arrangement includes at least one of a projection device and at least one head-up display.